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Training and News for the Seattle Auxiliary Communication Service

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## HF QRPing from Red Top Lookout

By Mark Sheppard, N7LYE

*Editors note: We thought you would be interested in Mark Sheppard's volunteer summer radio activity as a lookout. The following is a brief account from Mark along his photos below and on page 3.*

Here are some photos from my QRP expedition to the RedTop Mountain Lookout tower off of Hwy 97 10 air miles north of Cle Elum and just south of the Stewart Range. I have volunteered a couple of times a sea-

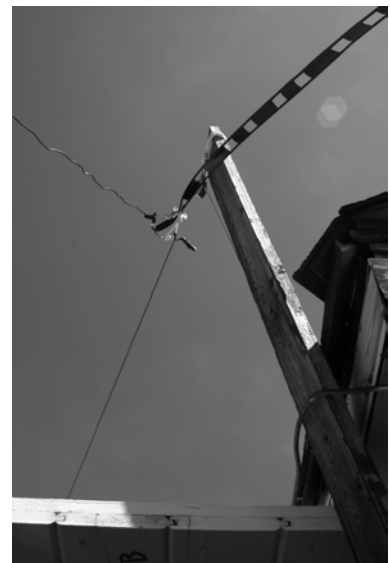
son for the past 5 years. It's a kick setting up my NIVIS antenna using 5 watts and talking to people all over the northwest on 75 and 40 meters. I check into the WSEN as well as several other nets across the area.

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*All Photos by Mark Sheppard N7LYE*



RedTop Mountain Lookout Tower



Antenna

## QRV?

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Mondays at 5:30 p.m.  
Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.  
3.985 MHz

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## From the Editor

### Reaching Out

Do you recall the advertising slogan: "Reach out and touch someone?" Perhaps not, but I'm guessing those of you who remember "Ma Bell's" phone company certainly do. Even now when I think about that slogan I want to run to the phone and call someone!

There's a directive in that slogan that we can put to good use as we implement ACS's new organizational structure. You'll recall we recently moved to a team-based structure. Our emergency communications activities will become more localized within teams.

We have established teams to staff the EOC as well as ACS neighborhood posts throughout the city. We are now in the process of developing leadership within those teams and (here's where that advertising slogan I mentioned above comes into play) *reaching out* into our local communities to recruit new members.

Our success in growing ACS to staffing levels that will meet emergency communication needs will depend largely on our success in reaching out and encouraging hams and others in our neighborhoods to join us. Now is the time to "reach out and touch someone" in *your* neighborhood. Invite them to join with us as we continue to fulfill our critically important mission of providing emergency communications. — — — — —

## From the EOC

By Jim Mullen, Director  
Seattle Emergency  
Management

When you read this, I will have assumed new responsibilities as Director of Washington State's Emergency Management Division. My last day in the office as City of Seattle Director of Emergency Management is today, July 20.

I began in Emergency Management in 1992. During my tenure we have initiated many programs, recruited outstanding staff to develop and manage them, and taken steps to improve the readiness capability of the City government.

My staff has won national and international recognition. More important, we never once let the people of Seattle down - not even a little. In many unique ways, we have pioneered a new way of thinking, and of performing, in the discipline that is emergency management. Here are a few innovative ideas that first surfaced here:

1. We were the first organization to conclude that emergency management needed to reach boldly beyond the classical career path that most emergency managers previously followed: ex-military, law enforcement, or fire backgrounds did not become less valuable, but they were joined by others: broadly educated and trained professionals from education, ad-

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ministration, urban planning and political science.

2. Seattle was the first place to implement a dedicated technology position within the Emergency Management staff. That decision alone allowed us to remain near the cutting edge (and safely back from the sharper edges) as new technologies presented themselves.

3. Seattle introduced programs such as Seattle Disaster Aid and Response Teams (SDART) and Seattle Project Impact that drew individual citizens, school district personnel, businesses, professional organizations, universities, city government and other governmental organizations and more into partnerships and programs that positively affected us from the individual to the group/organizational level.

4. The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) with its partners RACES number about 100 dedicated, trustworthy and selfless volunteers. No group trains as hard as you all do (I wish that they would!). No group is more willing to work outside the box - your members have quite simply done everything we have asked you to do, and have gone

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### HF QRPing: All Photos by Mark Sheppard N7LYE



Fire Spotting



Station 1



Station 1 Close Up View

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beyond that for our special programs and events. Most recently, several of you supported the National Governor's Conference security effort in the EOC.

It is fair to say that I owe you all personally as well. As I interviewed for the position that I am about to assume, the ACS organization was in part attributed to my vision, and my leadership. I gave myself credit for recognizing a great idea when it was laid out in front of me, and did take some pride in my ongoing

support for you all. But, the exchange is not even: I received much more recognition than I merit, and you all still need ongoing support, resources, and recognition. In my new role, I hope that I can continue to find ways to support your efforts. Mark Sheppard, Bill Dockstader, and others have all assured me that I haven't seen or heard the last of ACS.

That makes leaving this job that I have loved a little easier today.

Thank you.

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Special thanks to Jim Mullen, former Director of Seattle Emergency Management for his many valuable "From the EOC" columns. Our best wishes, Jim, as you assume your new duties as the Director of Washington State's Emergency Management Division.

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